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"*His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord*" (MATTHEW 25:21).

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NINETY-FIFTH SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE.

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THE fourth session of general conference was held Saturday afternoon, October 4th, with President Heber J. Grant presiding. The meeting began at 2 p.m., by the congregation's singing, "We Thank Thee O God, for a Prophet." President Wayne H. Reed of San Juan stake offered the invocation. Sister Pearl Robbins rendered "The Song of Ruth."

Elder Stephen L. Richards, the first speaker, stressed reverence for God as an essential element of citizenship as well as religious life. He began by comparing the significance of the conference gathering with the disarmament conference held in Washington, D.C., which he attended. "Even that important gathering of representatives of the various nations had no greater significance than the conference assemblies of the Latter-day Saints," he said. "They met to represent the nations; we meet to represent God and to hear His word, spoken through His prophets."

Elder Richards declared that the only living oracle of God's word is in the hands of the Latter-day Saints, and that only the Church has authority to minister in God's name. The speaker stressed the need for every member of the Church to measure up to the Lord's highest expectations.

"I feel that we are standing in the presence of God, that He is 'listening in' and will give His spirit," he continued. "Definite, genuine, conscious reverence for God is one of the first essentials for peace and joy to mankind."

Elder Richards declared there never will be a universal upholding of the Constitution of the United States or conformity to the laws of the land until there is established at the base of all patriotism a deep-seated, conscious reverence for God. Religion

is so inseparable from character as to form a definite part of citizenship, he said.

"The precepts of the Savior have been incorporated by our forefathers into American statues and to preserve the nation in its highest state, its citizens must conform to these simple, humble truths," the speaker continued. "Reverence for God does not bring forth 'reds,' anarchists and those inimical to the laws and intitutions of their country. Loyal citizens are found among God-fearing, God-trusting people," he said.

"Our country and Church so command our allegiance and whole-souled devotion, we have not time or excess energy to devote to extraneous projects which would be inimical to either," the speaker said. Every Latter-day Saint finds opportunity to express his love for service and good-will to fellows through the Church, and should avail himself thereof, he declared.

Elder Richards affirmed his belief in co-operation, protection of trade and safeguarding of the interests of citizens of the state. Asserting that divided effort accomplishes nothing, he urged devoted efforts to upbuild the Church and nation and to promote truth.

President Seymour B. Young of the First Seven Presidents of Seventy indorsed the remarks of the former speaker and bore a strong testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel.

He declared that the prophecy of Joseph Smith at Montrose that the Saints when driven to the Rocky Mountains would become a mighty people is in the process of fulfillment. He spoke in high praise of the Prophet Joseph Smith and the men who have since presided over the Church.

Elder Young gave special mention to missionary work, declaring that the Gospel must be preached to the world to bring the inhabitants to a knowledge of the truth before the second coming of the Master.

Elder J. Golden Kimball of the First Seven Presidents of Seventy, the next speaker, began by declaring his faith in the Gospel. A man's religion can be determined by the life he leads and the spirit that is within him, the speaker declared.

Elder Kimball especially commended President Grant. God is the dictator of the Church, he said, and when the president speaks in the name of God, it is the same as if God Himself had spoken, he declared.

President Samuel O. Bennion of the Central States mission, the next speaker, emphasized the harmony existing between the doctrines of the Church and holy writ. Teachings of the Latter-day Saints conform to the Scriptures as does no other doctrine in the world, he said.

President Bennion declared that there can be no question concerning the condemnation of any man who rejects the teachings of Christ. Principles of the Gospel have not changed from the

dispensation of Adam, he said. No man or set of men have successfully assailed the doctrines of the Church—they have stood the test about one hundred years, he declared.

The speaker said that sectarian churches, because they have no divine leadership, are constantly changing their principles until they do not harmonize with holy writ.

Elder A. William Lund, assistant Church historian, stressed the privilege offered young people to participate in activities of the Church. Saints who are not called on to sacrifice their lives, as early Church leaders were called on to do, should be willing to sacrifice a little of their time to the work, he said.

Elder Lund related incidents from the lives of the Prophet Joseph Smith and President John Taylor. He told the story of the Prophet's martyrdom, saying that though he was persecuted, he was true to the trust God placed in him.

Elder Don C. Rushton, former president of the Australian mission, devoted most of his remarks to conditions of the mission. Australia now has six conferences, one of which is six thousands miles from headquarters and has eleven hundred members, he said. Conditions in Australia are better than in most countries of the world, yet the government can not get enough people there to properly develop the land, he declared. Elder Rushton attributed America's popularity with immigrants to the prophecies and blessings of the Lord upon the American continent.

The choir and congregation sang, "O Ye Mountains High." President William D. Hanks of Union stake pronounced the benediction.

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PRESIDENT GRANT'S CONFERENCE MESSAGE.

(Continued from page 727.)

A LARGE number of new meeting-houses are being erected in Zion. I believe more building is going on at the present time in the various stakes of Zion than for many years past.

We have ordered a monument to be erected at the grave of Martin Harris, in Clarkston, Utah.

A new home is being provided for the Lamanites located near Cedar City, in order that they may be more comfortably situated.

Successful conventions of auxiliary organizations are in progress at the present time all over the Church.

Quite a number of seminary buildings have been erected by the Saints in various parts of the Church.

There is a large and increased attendance at the Brigham Young University and other Church schools.

A very remarkable increase is noted in the attendance at all of our temples. The Manti temple has been overhauled, and extensive repairs made there, making it very much more comfortable and convenient than in the past. The repairs being made at the Salt Lake temple are now all completed. Rapid progress is being made in the erection of the Arizona temple.

We have decided to erect on this block a monument in honor of the Three Witnesses (perhaps we will include the Eight Witnesses), to be located in the rear of the statues of Presidents Joseph and Hyrum Smith. The design has not yet been decided upon; but we will endeavor to have something that will be as attractive and as creditable, and that will preach the wonderful message proclaimed in the Book of Mormon as effectively as the Sea Gull monument preaches the wonderful deliverance wrought by the Lord in the days when the crickets threatened to destroy everything. Undoubtedly some of the inspirational passages of the Book of Mormon, also the fact that these three witnesses declare that an angel of God came down from heaven and laid before their eyes—that they beheld and saw the plates of the Book of Mormon, and the engravings thereon—and that the voice of the Lord commanded them that they should bear record of it, with other incidents that proclaim the divinity of the Book of Mormon, will be features of the monument.

We are pleased to note that there is an improvement in the support of our foreign newspapers. There are many faithful, diligent Latter-day Saints who, having embraced the Gospel in foreign lands at an advanced age, can not read the English language, and it is a great comfort and blessing to them to have some of the sermons, messages and news, regarding the work of God published in their own language. We bespeak for the papers the loyal patronage of those of foreign birth. Young men who have prospered here in things of this world should be willing to assist in circulating at home and abroad the word of God through the papers published in the mother tongue of their parents.

We have been called upon during the past six months to part with one of our loyal stake presidents—President Andrew Kimball. It fell to my lot to have the privilege of going to Thatcher, Arizona, and attending the funeral, at which there was a wonderful outpouring of the people, showing their respect and love for their president. It was a source of satisfaction to me to have the opportunity of paying a tribute of love and respect to him at the services.

We have to announce the death of Sister Elizabeth C. McCune, who in connection with her husband, presented to the Church some years ago, the magnificent McCune mansion on upper Main street, the name of which has been changed since the death of Sister McCune to the McCune School of Music and Art. We hope at no far distant date to have a portion of that building devoted

to the fine arts in the form of beautiful paintings and sculpture. There are two magnificent pieces of sculpture there now, probably the finest in our state, which were presented with the mansion at the time it was given to us.

I believe this covers the activities of the past six months that I thought would be of interest to the people. Of course you will realize that if I were to enter into detail regarding these activities, I could occupy not only the entire time of this morning's session with interest to the Saints, but even longer.

On my way home after attending the funeral of Brother Kimball in Arizona, I stopped for a few days in California, and the work in the California mission is progressing in a very favorable way.

There is one thing that I desire to refer to, and a part of one of the revelations that I desire to read. There are no revelations in the Doctrine and Covenants that have made such a profound impression upon my heart and my mind as the one known as The Vision, recorded in the Seventy-sixth Section, and the one known as the Prayer and Prophecy, given in Liberty jail, and to be found in the One Hundred Twenty-first Section. I rejoice every time I read the wonderful testimony of the Prophet Joseph and Sidney Rigdon as contained in The Vision. When bishops over large churches in England announce that Jesus Christ was not the Son of God, that He was not divine, but merely a great moral teacher; when men who are ministers deny the divinity of Christ and are being tried for their lack of faith, I rejoice in reading the testimony of these two men, and never read it but my heart swells with gratitude to God:

"And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all, which we give of him: That he lives!

"For we saw him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father—

"That by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God."

I rejoice that the Church of Jesus Christ is founded upon the first great vision that was enjoyed by the boy Joseph Smith over one hundred years ago. He declared that he saw two heavenly beings, whose glory and grandeur were beyond the power of man to describe and that one of them addressed him and pointed to the other and said: "This is my beloved Son, hear him." There can not be any doubt in the heart of a Latter-day Saint regarding Jesus Christ being the Son of the living God, because God Himself introduced Him to Joseph Smith. It is a fundamental truth of the Church of Jesus Christ in our day that Joseph Smith was and is and ever will be a prophet of the living God; and with Joseph Smith recognized as a prophet of God, and the testimony in our hearts of that fact, there will never be any schism, so to

speak, in the Church of Christ. Any individual who does not acknowledge Jesus Christ as the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world, has no business to be associated with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This Church is, as I read to you it should be, a marvelous work and a wonder. There is nothing like it in all the world, because Jesus Christ, the Son of God, established it and is the head of it; because Jesus Christ manifested Himself to the Prophet and Oliver Cowdery, and to others; and because God, in answer to prayer, has given to people all over the wide world where the Gospel has gone, an individual knowledge and testimony regarding the divinity of the work in which we are engaged.

Never have I been more profoundly impressed with the power and blessing of God than I was when I visited Nauvoo upon my recent trip east. Three quarters of a century ago there were twenty thousand prosperous Latter-day Saints in that city, with a magnificent temple. To-day there is not a single stone left of the temple where it was once erected, and the population has dwindled to about one thousand people. Men have told me that the site of the city of Nauvoo is one of the finest, if not the finest to be found upon the great Mississippi river, yet to get there now, you have to cross the Mississippi river in a little steamer, on the deck of which there are but five chairs, and as there happened to be six in our party, one of us had to stand, and there are cities with thousands of inhabitants on the Mississippi and on the Missouri that have grown up since that was the great city of Illinois. When I contemplate all these things and then come home and gaze upon the temple of God in the eastern part of this block; when I look at our office building, at the Hotel Utah, and at the magnificent bank buildings in our city; when I think of the prosperity of the Saints, with beautiful temples, not only in Utah, but in Canada and the Hawaiian Islands, as well as one in course of construction in Arizona—when I think of all the accomplishments of the work of God, my language utterly fails me to speak in just praise of all that has been done. When I realize the condition of the place from which we were driven, the lack of prosperity and of success in that country, I thank God that we are located here in these mountains. I feel that the very persecutions and troubles through which we passed prepared us and educated us and strengthened us as a people for greater things. Perhaps the very finest residence, with one exception, to be found to-day in Nauvoo is the one erected by Erastus Snow. They told me that it was erected by Lorenzo Snow, but I have since been informed that the people there were mistaken and that it was erected by Erastus Snow. One of the fine dwellings there was built with stones taken from the temple block.

I rejoice in the testimony of my own dear mother, also in the

testimony of Aunt Emmeline B. Wells and scores of men and women who were present upon that memorable occasion, after the martyrdom of the Prophet Joseph, when Sidney Rigdon endeavored to be appointed as guardian of the Church. I rejoice in the wonderful manifestation that was given to the people there including my mother and other relatives of mine when the mantle of Joseph Smith fell upon the Prophet Brigham Young, and he, Brigham, stood there and talked as with the voice of Joseph. The sheep knew the voice of the true shepherd. And from that day to this, of the hundreds who were present on that occasion, nearly every one has lived and died faithful and true to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, loyal supporters of the Prophet Brigham Young and his successors.

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A DEED AND A WORD.

A LITTLE stream had lost its way
Amid the grass and fern;
A passing stranger scooped a well,
Where weary men might turn;
He walled it in, and hung with care
A ladle at the brink;
He thought not of the deed he did,
But judged that all might drink.
He passed again, and lo! the well,
By summer never dried,
Had cooled ten thousand parching tongues,
And saved a life beside.

A nameless man, amid a crowd
That thronged the daily mart,
Let fall a word of hope and love,
Unstudied, from the heart;
A whisper on the tumult thrown,
A transitory breath—
It raised a brother from the dust,
It saved a soul from death.
O germ! O fount! O word of love!
O thought at random cast!
Ye were but little at the first,
But mighty at the last.

CHARLES MACKAY.

IF you want knowledge you must toil for it; if food, you must toil for it; and if pleasure you must toil for it. Toil is the law. Pleasure comes through toil, and not by self-indulgence and indolence. When one gets to love work, his life is a happy one. —RUSKIN.

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DAVID O. MCKAY, Editor.

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EDITORIAL:

WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS!

BY the time this issue of the *Star* is in the hands of its readers, PRESIDENT DAVID O. MCKAY will have retired from individual responsibility as the head of the European Mission. The honorable release granted him by the First Presidency of the Church is accompanied by the fullest measure of commendation, and by fervent invocation of Divine blessing for the faithful and efficient service by which he has discharged the duties of his high calling.

Preceded by a long line of worthy leaders, all of them great, many of them mighty men in Israel, President McKay has carried the standard of missionary work in Great Britain to a height never before reached. Orderly, progressive and thorough by both nature and training, he has systematized to a most effective degree the labors of traveling Elders and presiding officers. The results of his impressive personality and impelling example are seen in the devoted labors of missionaries and resident members of the Church, to whom he has so inspiringly ministered, and in common with whom he has so patiently labored.

President McKay is a veritable genius in leadership, and all whose privilege it has been to serve with him have felt blessed and honored in following. The spirit and power of his calling and ordination as an Apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ are more than any external investiture, they are part of his being, as every one who has come under the influence of his presence well knows. Of the untold thousands of honest souls who have been reached by his earnest witness of the Saviour of men, whether by spoken word or printed page, few if any have remained unstirred by solemn thought, whilst many have been thereby converted to the truth, and have been constrained to follow, with him, the Divine Master.

These lines are penned with deliberation, expressive of appreciation based on long and intimate association with our retiring Brother and President. The little I have been able to observe as to missionary conditions in this land, since arriving here less than three weeks ago, has enlarged and confirmed all preconceived estimates of good work well done. What may be truthfully said of President McKay's successful administration in Great Britain

may be applied to our missions in Continental Europe and in Asia in proportion to the time and attention the President has been able to give to those foreign fields.

President McKay's release from the direct charge of the European Missions means to him a return to other though closely related duties at home. It implies no retirement from service, no cessation or even diminution of demand upon his effort. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is a great missionary institution throughout; and every member is expected to be active and reasonably aggressive in the work of proclaiming the gladsome tidings of the restoration of the Gospel, as also in nurturing and strengthening the faith of those who have already heard and accepted the glorious truths. Wherever he goes, whatever his particular assignment may be, Elder David O. McKay will be a devoted missionary; were it otherwise he would not be himself.

While by no means a binding rule, it has been the usual order to have a member of the Council of Twelve presiding over the affairs of the Church in Europe; and assignment to this position is made by the First Presidency. There is no fixed tenure associated with the office, as the Apostles are directed and sent whereever and whenever their individual service is most needed according to the inspired judgment of the Presiding Council. It should be known that President McKay's appointment, now completed, in Europe, was preceded by a year's tour of visitation to practically all the Missions of the Church, in the course of which he encircled the globe. In this journey he was accompanied by Elder Hugh J. Cannon, who is president of the Liberty Stake of Zion, Salt Lake City, Utah. So that with the two years of presidency just finished, Brother McKay has been engaged through a period of three years away from the Stakes. He is General Superintendent of the Sunday Schools of the Church, and this is but one of the important offices held by him. His associates are eagerly waiting to welcome him back to home and service there.

Throughout his years of manhood, in all the great duties of his career he has been blessed in the companionship of the noble woman given him of the Lord. Sister Emma Ray McKay has been, is and ever shall be a help, meet for her honored husband in his exalted ministry. Her labors as President of the Relief Society and director of the Church organizations in which women are most concerned, here in Europe, have demonstrated her ability and devotion most admirably; and to all the women with whom she has labored she has been a never-failing source of encouragement, an ever-present help and inspiration. Small wonder that she is held in highest esteem by the thousands for whom she has so unreservedly given her best efforts. As a guiding light to them, she shines with the splendor of her own divinely-bestowed gifts, which are verily the graces of the Spirit. As wife and

mother, as humble missionary and as president, she is eminent among women; and in her departure from these shores, she leaves as a blessed legacy to her sisters in Europe an example in righteous endeavor and a record of achievement that shall endure and be perennially productive of good though she be beyond the seas. Her place in the hearts of the sisters here will be held sacred by them, to whom memories of her will ever be sweet and recollections most glorious. She has shown what a true Daughter of Zion should be and do.

President and Sister McKay have emphasized, by their own demonstration, the sanctity of the family as an essential unit in the Lord's plan of organization amongst mankind. Theirs is a beautiful family life; and the children of the household, whether attending school or directly engaged in missionary service, have established a standard of propriety and excellence of which the Mission is justly proud.

And now that we have to bid farewell for a season to our honored Brother and Sister with their family, we assure them of our sustaining prayers, and reverently voice our thanksgiving for the blessed privilege of association with them. May their homeward journey be one of joy and safety, and their welcome in the West be fraught with increasing blessing. God be with them till we meet again!

JAMES E. TALMAGE.

MINUTES OF THE SHEFFIELD CONFERENCE.

THE Sheffield semi-annual conference was held, November 2nd, at Sheffield. There were in attendance: President David O. McKay, Sister Emma Ray McKay, Sister Lou Jean McKay and Elder Harvey H. Glade from Liverpool, Elder O. David Merrill from London, President Kenneth A. Brady from Hull, and President Willard Boden and all the traveling Elders of the Sheffield conference.

The Sunday-school session commenced at 10:30 a.m., by the congregation's singing, "Hope of Israel." Invocation was offered by Brother James R. Bargh. The sacramental hymn was, "Behold the Great Redeemer Die!" The sacrament was administered by Brothers Harry Smith and Abraham Harrison, assisted by Brothers Fred Birkhead, Harry Harrison, Willard T. Smith and George R. Birkhead. Lorenzo Harrison led the congregation in repeating the sacrament gem and the concert recitation.

President Willard Boden extended a hearty welcome to those present. He expressed pleasure in having President and Sister McKay in attendance.

The Sheffield Beehive Girls rendered the song, "Sowing."

The Sunday-school pupils rendered an inspiring program, com-

prising many incidents in Church history. Commencing with the first vision, when the heavens were opened to the boy Prophet, the children portrayed the restoration of the Gospel, including numerous incidents of persecution to which the Prophet was subjected until his life was taken by an armed mob. The children cited many prophecies of the Prophet Joseph Smith, and showed how these prophecies are now being fulfilled. In conclusion of the program, the little Sisters Gladys and Edna Maybury sang, "Dearest Children, God is Near You."

Sister Emily Burton and Nellie Oxspring, accompanied by Sister Hilda Asquith, rendered a pleasing duet.

Sister Emma Ray McKay, the first speaker, expressed her joy in meeting with friends in the Sheffield conference, and commended the children on their well-rendered program. Sister McKay illustrated by an interesting example the value of obedience and counselled the children to be obedient to father and mother, thus being better able to obey their Father in heaven.

President McKay declared that conditions in the conference were improving and that the excellency of the work was increasing. He commented on the rendition of the children's program and said he hopes that the messages had gone to everybody's heart as they had to his.

In a most wonderful discourse, President McKay took the audience on an imaginary visit to Jerusalem and the Holy Land. He pictured the camel caravans creeping over the beautiful hills upon which Jesus walked. The speaker said that he believes that he saw the partial fulfillment of the prophecy of Nephi concerning the gathering of the Jews to the land of their inheritance wherein Nephi says that when the time comes that the Jews "no more turn aside their hearts against the Holy One of Israel, then will He remember the covenants which He made to their fathers." In contrasting the conditions of to-day with those of ancient Jerusalem, President McKay declared that the time has come when "they no more turn aside their hearts against the Holy One of Israel." President McKay stated that at the time he was in the Holy Land, Christians and Mohammedans were gathering in protest against the return of the Jews, but that in spite of their combined efforts, for the first time in two thousand years, a Jewish Governor was ruling over Palestine.

The closing hymn was, "Love at Home." The benediction was pronounced by Brother Oliver Shaw.

The second session commenced by the congregation's singing, "Now Let Us Rejoice." The invocation was offered by Brother George H. Bailey of the Sheffield branch. The second song was, "O Say, What is Truth?"

President McKay announced the honorable release of Elder Willard Boden as President of the Sheffield conference, and the appointment of Elder O. David Merrill to succeed him.

The general, the mission and the conference authorities were presented and unanimously sustained.

President Willard Boden, the first speaker, expressed his appreciation for his calling. He stated that the Gospel is bigger, brighter and more reasonable to him than it had ever appeared before. He left his kindest wishes and choicest blessings with the Saints and friends of the conference.

Elder O. David Merrill said it was a pleasure for him to meet again with the Saints in Sheffield. He told of the progress of the work in Ireland and London, where he had been laboring for the preceding ten months. President Merrill explained the mission of the Holy Ghost, stating that He brings a testimony to man. In conclusion, President Merrill said that because the world at large can not receive the Holy Ghost does not prove that God is exclusive.

President McKay announced that several Elders would be called from the Sheffield conference within the ensuing few months. He commented upon the death of Brother Herbert Stagg, consoling and assuring Sister Stagg that her husband yet lives.

Elder G. Kimball Mellor paid tribute to the faithfulness of President Willard Boden. He explained that it is a common mistake of the world to think of the Utah Pioneers as mere partakers of the daring and adventurous spirit of the times. He reminded his hearers that the Pioneers remained in Salt Lake Valley where they might worship God, instead of rushing to California and the gold fields.

Sister May Prince, assisted by Horace Jones, rendered a vocal solo entitled, "Hold Thou my Hand."

Elder F. Peter Jones related the joy he found in preaching the Gospel. He explained that the Saints were assembled in direct fulfillment of a great promise which God gave to the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Elder Jethro M. Palmer expressed his desire to fulfill an honorable mission.

Elder John H. Wilson said he regrets to see the experienced Elders leave the mission field. He said he had greatly enjoyed his labors under the able direction of President Boden.

Elder Henry D. Bradford said his desires have been fulfilled in his call to proclaim the Gospel to the world. He said the Church of Jesus Christ holds pleasure and rewards that can not be gained in the ordinary vocations of life.

Elder George A. Adamson remarked that a desire to fulfil an honorable mission should be the aim of every Latter-day Saint. He counselled the Saints to be charitable in their judgment of others.

Elder Rollo E. Watkins told of the increased testimony that has come to him as a result of his humble efforts to serve the Lord. He related a faith-promoting incident in the life of President Wilford Woodruff.

Sister Lon Jean McKay rendered a piano solo.

Elder Lavon E. Darley said he feels highly repaid for any sacrifices that he may have made in proclaiming the Gospel, He spoke of the Holy Ghost as a spiritual birth which will enlighten and preserve the world. He said that something besides man's intelligence is required for a correct interpretation of the Scriptures.

Elder Vernon P. Cole told of the numerous claims made by the sects and creeds of the world. He invited all to compare or contrast those claims with the ones made by the Church of Jesus Christ.

President Kenneth A. Brady said he considers his testimony to be of more value than the wealth of the world. He said he feels weak in presenting his message to the people, but that through direct acquaintance with the Gospel principles, he has been greatly strengthened.

The closing hymn was, "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet." Brother Robert H. Briggs pronounced the benediction.

Immediately following the afternoon session, Sister Emma Ray McKay met with the Relief Society sisters of the conference and urged them to follow the lessons prescribed in the Relief Society magazine.

The final session of the conference commenced at 6: 30 p.m., by the congregation's singing, "How Firm a Foundation." Prayer was offered by President O. David Merrill. The congregation sang, "The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning."

Elder Harley K. Fernelius, the first speaker, explained that right and truth will always be found in the minority, but that this is in no way discouraging but is in fact a convincing testimony of the truth.

Elder George C. Midgley stated that so-called "Mormonism" embraces all truth, whether it be found in science, sociology or religion. He said "Mormonism" is an exact prototype of the primitive church.

Brother Horace Jones rendered a piano selection.

Elder Harvey H. Glade spoke on the greatest commandments and the necessity of keeping them in order to gain the blessings which God is willing and anxious to shower upon His children. He declared that religion is necessary to a full understanding of man's existence, and encouraged the Saints to "lay up for themselves treasures in heaven."

Sister May Prince, accompanied by Brother Horace Jones, rendered a vocal selection, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth."

President McKay, in commending those who had taken part on the program, quoted that "the song of the righteous is a prayer unto the Lord." He said that no man who has the least power of discernment could have attended the meetings of the conference

and listened to the testimonies of the Saints without being convinced of the power in the Church to elevate and to ennoble.

President McKay took as his text the three great temptations of the Savior, and their application to mankind to-day. He showed that all men have ideals, and that be they low or lofty, they inevitably shape men's characters. President McKay said that Christ was the supreme ideal in the realm of character because He was master of Himself. He urged the Saints to approach as nearly as possible the Christ-like character and to cultivate self-control. In his parting words, President McKay stated that the purpose of life is to subdue matter until man reaches the ideal—unity or oneness with God.

The concluding hymn was, "Come, O Thou King of Kings." Elder Vernon P. Cole pronounced the benediction.

G. KIMBALL MELLOR, Conference Clerk.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

Departures.—The following missionaries, honorably released from their labors in the British mission, sailed for their homes, Friday, the 14th inst., per s.s. *Montrose*: David W. Goddard, Willard Boden, Christopher C. Heaton and John G. Osborne.

Arrivals and Appointments.—The following missionaries arrived in Liverpool, Saturday, the 15th inst., and have been assigned as follows:

For the British mission—

Clifford Gough, Raymond, Alberta, to the Norwich conference.

Godfrey Holmes, Raymond, Alberta, to the Newcastle conference.

For the Swiss and German mission—

Blaine Bachman, Eden, Utah.

Hyrum P. Cannon, Logan, Utah.

Joseph F. Cowley, Logan, Utah.

Reese Edwards Hubbard, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Harold R. Merrill, Logan, Utah.

Marriner H. Merrill, Richmond, Utah.

Socials.—The Relief Society of the Glasgow branch (Scottish conference) gave their annual dance the 24th ult. Many Saints and friends were in attendance. A good time was had by all.

The Sunday-school of the Bradford branch (Leeds conference) held a concert and social the 25th ult. A delightful program, consisting of a sketch, songs and recitations was rendered. Contests and games were held, prizes being awarded to those successful in the contests.

The Batley branch (Leeds conference) held a concert and social

the 26th ult. The evening's entertainment consisted of a sketch and songs and recitations. After the program, a pie supper was served by the members of the Relief Society. A large number of Saints and investigators were present.

Priesthood Union Meetings.—The regular Priesthood Union meeting of the Nottingham conference was held at Nottingham the 1st inst. President Carl E. Pettersson issued clear, concise instructions to the Saints and the Elders. Each of the branch presidents, in turn, commented on the proposed plans for improvement. Elder Ianthus L. Richards led in a discussion on the personalities of God the Father and God the Son.

The monthly Priesthood Union meeting of the Leeds conference was held at Bradford, the 2nd inst., with President John E. Wahlquist presiding. Talks were given on the law of tithing. President Wahlquist gave instructions on the qualifications of an officer or teacher in the auxiliary associations of the Church. All the traveling Elders and a large representation from each of the branches of the conference were in attendance.

Meetings of Traveling Elders.—The regular monthly Priesthood meeting of the traveling Elders of the Welsh conference was held the 25th ult., at Cardiff, with President Crofts presiding. Elders Sterling C. Rigby and Evan Arthur delivered addresses on subjects that had been previously assigned. An interesting and lively discussion followed the presentation of each discourse. The Elders of the conference reported steady improvement in the various branches where they were laboring.

The monthly meeting of the traveling Elders of the Leeds conference was held at Bradford the 1st inst. President John E. Wahlquist presided and conducted. Conditions confronting the work in the conference were discussed. Helpful suggestions were offered. Elder Ezra L. Nichols presented a paper on "The Choosing of a Subject for a Sermon."

Monday, the 3rd inst., President David O. McKay met with the Elders of the Sheffield conference in a special Priesthood meeting. Sister Emma Ray McKay and Elder Harvey H. Glade from Liverpool and President Kenneth A. Brady from the Hull conference were in attendance. President McKay requested each Elder to report the prospects and the difficulties in the branch in which he was laboring, and the strongest evidence of the divinity of the work. In general, the prospects were encouraging. The greatest obstacle seemed to be the spirit of indifference among the people; the strongest evidences of divinity were summed up in inspiring testimonies, showing that the more one works the better one feels. President McKay suggested new means of coming in contact with the honest in heart. He urged the Elders to make the best use of the means which God has placed at their disposal.

Branch Conferences.—A successful conference of the Glasgow branch (Scottish conference) was held the 26th ult., with President Wallace R. Budge presiding. The Sunday-school pupils, under the direction of Superintendent J. Earl Stuart, rendered a well-prepared program. Branch President Floyd A. Bailey conducted the evening session. The speakers were President Budge and Elders Reed M. Callister, J. Earl Stuart and Floyd A. Bailey.

The semi-annual conference of the Halifax branch (Leeds conference) was held the 26th ult., with President John E. Wahlquist presiding. In the morning session, a well-prepared program on the theme, "Baptism for the Dead," was rendered by the members of the Sunday-school. The speakers for the day were President Wahlquist and Elders Frederick G. Stoddard, Orlando J. Condie and John H. Tanner.

The Blackburn branch (Liverpool conference) held its semi-annual conference, the 2nd inst. President Walter Thompson conducted under the direction of Elder Rulon H. Sanders from Liverpool. There were in attendance: President Ernest K. Freckleton and Elders Howard Cook, William W. Burt and Arthur L. Fuller of the Liverpool conference, and President Christopher C. Heaton of the Manchester conference. The speakers of the day were President Heaton, President Freckleton and Elder Sanders.

The semi-annual conference of the Coventry branch (Birmingham conference) was held the 2nd inst., at the home of Brother George E. Hunter. The Sunday-school session consisted of a program, illustrating the theme, "Faith." The speakers of the day were: President Joseph E. Tillotson, Brother George E. Hunter and Elders Thomas S. Griffiths, Alvah N. Stout and Joseph L. Muirbrook.

The semi-annual conference of the Leeds branch convened the 2nd inst., under the direction of President John E. Wahlquist. During the first session, a program on the theme of "The Restoration" was rendered by the children. The speakers for the day were: President Wahlquist and Elders Ernest C. Moore, Robert G. Gibbons, John H. Tanner and John E. Baker.

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